

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new dependent claims:

--46. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-36 and 44-45, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

47. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

48. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

49. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

50. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

51. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

52. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

53. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the step of receiving is performed after the purchasing customer and the selling vendor have agreed to enter into the purchase transaction.

54. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-36 and 44-45, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

55. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

56. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

57. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

58. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

59. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

60. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

61. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

62. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

63. (New) The method according to claim 47, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

64. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

65. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

66. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

67. (New) The method according to claim 51, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

68. (New) The method according to claim 52, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

69. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein the step of establishing a remitting agreement does not require the third party to charge the purchasing customer.

70. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-36 and 44-45, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

71. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

72. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

73. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

74. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

75. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

76. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

77. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

78. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

79. (New) The method according to claim 47, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

80. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

81. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

82. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

83. (New) The method according to claim 51, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

84. (New) The method according to claim 52, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

85. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

86. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

87. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

88. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

89. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

90. (New) The method according to claim 58, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

91. (New) The method according to claim 59, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

92. (New) The method according to claim 60, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

93. (New) The method according to claim 61, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

94. (New) The method according to claim 62, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

95. (New) The method according to claim 63, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

96. (New) The method according to claim 64, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

97. (New) The method according to claim 65, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

98. (New) The method according to claim 66, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

99. (New) The method according to claim 67, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

100. (New) The method according to claim 68, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

101. (New) The method according to claim 69, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not approve an agreement between the purchasing customer and the selling vendor to enter into the purchase transaction.

102. (New) The method according to any one of claims 31-36 and 44-45, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

103. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

104. (New) The method according to claim 38, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

105. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

106. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

107. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

108. (New) The method according to claim 42, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

109. (New) The method according to claim 43, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.



110. (New) The method according to claim 46, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

111. (New) The method according to claim 47, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

112. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

113. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

114. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

115. (New) The method according to claim 51, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

116. (New) The method according to claim 52, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

117. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

118. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

119. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

120. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

121. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

122. (New) The method according to claim 58, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

123. (New) The method according to claim 59, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

124. (New) The method according to claim 60, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

125. (New) The method according to claim 61, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

126. (New) The method according to claim 62, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

127. (New) The method according to claim 63, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

128. (New) The method according to claim 64, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

129. (New) The method according to claim 65, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

130. (New) The method according to claim 66, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

131. (New) The method according to claim 67, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

132. (New) The method according to claim 68, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

133. (New) The method according to claim 69, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

134. (New) The method according to claim 70, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

135. (New) The method according to claim 71, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

136. (New) The method according to claim 72, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

137. (New) The method according to claim 73, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

138. (New) The method according to claim 74, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

139. (New) The method according to claim 75, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

140. (New) The method according to claim 76, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

141. (New) The method according to claim 77, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

142. (New) The method according to claim 78, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

143. (New) The method according to claim 79, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

144. (New) The method according to claim 80, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

145. (New) The method according to claim 81, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

146. (New) The method according to claim 82, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

147. (New) The method according to claim 83, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

148. (New) The method according to claim 84, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

149. (New) The method according to claim 85, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

150. (New) The method according to claim 86, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

151. (New) The method according to claim 87, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

152. (New) The method according to claim 88, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

153. (New) The method according to claim 89, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

154. (New) The method according to claim 90, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

155. (New) The method according to claim 91, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

156. (New) The method according to claim 92, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

157. (New) The method according to claim 93, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

158. (New) The method according to claim 94, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

159. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

160. (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.

161. (New) The method according to claim 97, wherein after the step of establishing a billing agreement the third party does not transfer ownership of the product or service from the selling vendor to the purchasing customer.